

REGISTRATION PACKET

“RAISIN’ GOLD”

18th National Veterans Golden Age Games



**FRESNO, CALIFORNIA
JULY 18–23, 2004**

Hosted by VA Central California Healthcare System



Department of
Veterans Affairs



Veterans of
Foreign Wars



Veterans Canteen
Service

February 2, 2004

To all participants of the 2004 National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG):

I hope all of you are looking forward to attending this year's National Veterans Golden Age Games in Fresno, California. The staff, volunteers and community of the VA Central California Healthcare System have been working hard to provide an outstanding event for each of you.

The Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Senior Games Association (NSGA) are currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding to provide an even higher level of competition for the National Veterans Golden Age Games' competitors. The National Senior Games Association serves 50 member state organizations, located in 49 states plus the District of Columbia and spearheads the senior games movement, sanctioning and coordinating the efforts of senior games organizations across the country. The 2004 National Veterans Golden Age Games will become a qualifying event for the 2005 National Senior Games.

The NSGA has offered the National Veterans Golden Age Games an Associate Membership into their organization. Veterans who win Gold or Silver medals at the 2004 NVGAG in Bowling, Horseshoes, Shuffleboard, Table Tennis and possibly Nine Ball will automatically qualify for the 2005 National Senior Games to be held June 3 through 18, 2005, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Gold and Silver medalists in the 50 & 100 yd Freestyle Swimming, Discus and Shot Put, will also qualify if they meet the National Performance Standards established by the NSGA.

The National Senior Games are a community-based member of the United States Olympic Committee and recognize senior athletes as the best athletes in their respective age groups in the United States. We are excited to provide this additional information and opportunity for our National Veterans Golden Age Games competitors. Additional information will be provided, as we get closer to the 2004 National Veterans Golden Age Games.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dewayne C. Vaughan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dewayne" being more prominent and the last name "Vaughan" following in a similar style.

DEWAYNE C. VAUGHAN
Director, National Veterans Golden Age Games



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VA Central California Health Care System (VACCHCS)
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In Reply Refer To: 570/00

February 2, 2004

Dear 2004 National Veterans Golden Age Games Participants:

As Director of the VA Central California Healthcare System (VACCHCS), it is my honor and pleasure to invite you to the 18th National Veterans Golden Age Games, to be held in Fresno, California, July 18-23, 2004.

This year's event, sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Veterans Canteen Service holds the promise of being one of the best Games yet for more than 500 veterans, age 55 and older. Our new membership with the National Senior Games Association is a first for the National Veterans Golden Age Games and will provide many of you the opportunity to showcase your talent and competitiveness at another level.

Enclosed you will find the 2004 registration packet. Please take the time to complete it thoroughly. Your Chief, Recreation Therapy Service and/or Coach should be able to assist you with the proper completion of the application.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sean Hinds, Coordinator for the 2004 National Veterans Golden Age Games at (559) 241-6429.

Whether this is your first National Veterans Golden Age Games or you are an annual competitor, we look forward to seeing you in Fresno, California this summer for the 2004 National Veterans Golden Age Games.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan S. Perry", is located below the "Sincerely Yours," text.

Alan S. Perry, FACHE
Director
VA Central California Healthcare System

NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

JULY 18-23, 2004

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

WHO MUST REGISTER: All competitors, coaches, support staff and volunteers. Each individual registering must complete a separate registration form.

ELIGIBILITY: All veterans, ages 55 or older, who are currently receiving Inpatient or Outpatient care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Completed registration forms must be postmarked on or before

MAY 1, 2004

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED PACKAGE TO:

Sean Hinds, Coordinator
National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG)
VA Central California Healthcare System
2615 E. Clinton Avenue
Fresno, CA 93703

Registration is limited to 500 competitors on a first-come first-serve basis. If your form is incomplete, you will be contacted to re-submit any missing documents, which will delay your registration. Please enlist the help of your coaches before mailing the packet.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

GAME EVENTS: All competitors must enter at least two but no more than four events. Complete the "Events" section in the registration package.

Events include bicycling, bowling, checkers, croquet, dominoes, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, pentathlon (shot put, discus, softball hit, basketball free throw, 10-meter air rifle), shuffleboard, table tennis, and swimming.

EVENT RULES: Event rules are available via the Internet at
<http://www.va.gov/vetevent/gag/rules/index.html>

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CLASSIFICATION: All age classifications will be determined by the competitor's age as of July 18, 2004. There are six age classifications:

55-59	60-64	65-69
70-74	75-79	80+

Competitors will compete by gender in the following events:

Bicycling	Bowling	Horseshoes
Pentathlon	Swimming	

Non-ambulatory competitors will have a separate division in the following events:

Table tennis	Swimming
Nine ball	Bowling
Pentathlon	Horseshoes
Shuffleboard	

Visually impaired competitors will have a separate division in the following events: **Bowling** **Horseshoes** **Shuffleboard**

LODGING: 2004 Raisin' Gold National Veterans Golden Age Games will be in Fresno, California. Competitors and Coaches will be lodged primarily at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Fresno, with overflow at the Ramada Inn further north (324 E. Shaw). The Radisson and Ramada rates are as follows:

Adult – Double Occupancy: \$73 per room (plus 12% tax)
*Adult – Single Occupancy: \$73 per person (plus 12% tax)
* A limited number of single rooms are available.
**For accessibility reasons, priority for single and for ADA rooms will be given to requests by non-ambulatory competitors.
Rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Daily maid service is provided.

All lodging costs are the responsibility of the participating competitors, coaches and support staff. All reservations must be made with the VACCHCS National Veterans Golden Age Games office by application. **DO NOT CALL THE HOTELS.**

All room reservations are made by completing the registration package. **Each facility is responsible for pairing up their competitors to save \$\$\$.** **A valid credit card is REQUIRED to reserve your room.** If you do not have a credit card, please notify your coach. The deadline for full payment is May 15, 2004.

MEALS: **Breakfast meals** will be served at the Radisson and Ramada hotels. **Lunch and dinner meals** will be served for those with meal tickets at the Radisson Hotel beginning with dinner on arrival day, **Saturday, July 17, 2004** and concluding with breakfast at your respective hotel on departure day, **Saturday, July 24, 2004**. The menus will accommodate special diets including diabetic, vegetarian, etc. Other special diet requests are to be in writing and are to accompany the registration forms.

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- MEALS (Continued):** Meal tickets will be issued along with keys to the hotel rooms upon arrival. Coaches, support staff and family members may purchase a meal ticket for \$35 per day or \$245 for the week.
- METHODS OF PAYMENT:** During the registration period of February through May 1, 2004, payment may be by VISA or MasterCard credit cards or by personal check. Lodging requests **MUST** be accompanied by a valid credit card.
- Payments may also be made by transferring funds from one VA Fiscal Service to the Fiscal Service at VA Central California Healthcare System. The funds are to be transmitted via TDA to Fund Control Point 5640. Transmitted funds must be received by June 1, 2004.
- TRAVEL:** The primary airline service is at the Fresno, California air terminal (FAT). The Fresno Air Terminal is approximately 20 minutes from the Radisson and Ramada Hotels and the Fresno Exhibit Hall.
- Train and Bus service is available on Amtrak or Greyhound to Fresno.
- TRANSPORTATION:** The Games' organizers will provide transportation for arrivals on **Saturday, July 17, 2004** between the airport, train and bus stations, and the participating hotels. Representatives of the Games will greet you at the airport. Transportation for all National Veterans Golden Age Games sponsored events and activities will also be provided from the hotels.
- Transportation will be provided for departures on **Saturday, July 24, 2004**.
- WEATHER:** Fresno's weather in July is usually hot and sunny with low humidity. The hotel rooms and exhibit hall areas for indoor events are all air-conditioned. Items to consider bringing include a hat, swimsuit, sunscreen, sunglasses and appropriate clothing for hot temperatures.
- MEDICAL:** Each competitor **must** complete the enclosed "General Medical Information" forms. **In addition to the General Medical Information Form G, a 10-10EZ form must be included with your application.**
- Medical assistance will be provided 24 hours a day as part of the 2004 Games. Sick call and emergency medical treatment will be coordinated at the Radisson Hotel. First-aid and patient stabilization will be provided at the events, activities and alternate hotel sites. Ambulances will be called if Emergency Care is needed.
- AS A REMINDER, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IS NOT INTENDED FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS.**
- Competitors must bring with them enough medication and medical supplies to last throughout the Games. There are no provisions for providing replacement medications and medical supplies.

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INSURANCE INFORMATION:

It is recommended that you include all of your health insurance papers as part of your travel papers

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION: Once your completed application has been received and accepted by the 2004 Games office, a letter of confirmation will be sent to you. Included with the confirmation letter will be a form for you to complete regarding your travel itinerary. The travel itinerary form plus full payment for any meals and alternate activities must be returned by June 1, 2004. Hotels will be reserved with the credit card provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Upon arrival, you will need to check in with the Games representatives at the Hotels for room registration. Dinner will be provided followed by entertainment. Registration for the Games and events will be on Sunday, July 18th, from 8AM to 4PM. Arrival date is Saturday, July 17, 2004.

For further information, contact the 18TH NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES Office:

VA Central California Healthcare System

National Veterans Golden Age Games

Sean Hinds, Coordinator

Telephone: (559) 241-6429

Email: Sean.Hinds@med.va.gov

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS REGISTRATION PACKET, ESPECIALLY FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS OR THOSE WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE 2003 MAINE NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES.

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REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

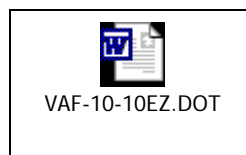
Please ask your coach or Medical Center staff to review this checklist with your attached forms prior to mailing.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS May 1, 2004

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

COMPETITOR FORMS

- ☐ [Competitor Application](#) (Form A)
- ☐ [Lodging Reservations with valid credit card number](#) (Form B)
- ☐ [Event Selection](#) (Form D)
- ☐ [Hometown News Release Questionnaire](#) (Form E)
- ☐ [Waiver and Release of Liability / Publicity Release](#) (Form F)
- ☐ [General Medical Information](#) (Form G)
 - ☐ Current EKG Report
 - ☐ Current Medication Profile
 - ☐ Recent 10-10 EZ
- ☐ [Alternate Activities Checklist](#)



FORMS FOR COACHES / SUPPORT STAFF / FAMILY & OTHERS

- ☐ [Lodging Reservations with valid credit card number](#) (Form B)
- ☐ [Non-competitor Registration](#) (Form C)
- ☐ [Alternate Activities Checklist](#)

COST BREAKDOWN

	AMOUNT
LODGING (on credit card)	
MEALS (Coach, staff, family only)	Cost per day \$ 35 = \$ _____
OR	Cost per week \$245
ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES	= \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make Checks / Money Orders Payable to: 2004 NVGAG ACCOUNT GPF 5640

Postmark deadline is May 1, 2004.

Social Security #: _____ / _____ / _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Day Phone: (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Are you service connected? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, what percentage? _____Are you a member of a Veterans Service Organization (VSO)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, which Veterans Service Organization? _____

STATUS AND DIVISION

Age Division (as of 7/18/04): ☐ 55-59 ☐ 60-64 ☐ 65-69 ☐ 70-74 ☐ 75-79 ☐ 80+Division Classification: ☐ Ambulatory ☐ Wheelchair ☐ Visually Impaired (Legally Blind)Are you a member of a team? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, what team name: _____

Team Coach(es): _____

Telephone number of Team Coach(es): _____

Primary VA Medical Center: _____

WHEELCHAIR/SCOOTER INFORMATION (Please provide the following information about your wheelchair and/or scooter)

Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____ Serial Number: _____

☐ Power ☐ Manual Caster Size: _____ Tire Size: _____

Overall Width: _____ Seat Width: _____ Seat Depth: _____

Wheelchair/cart Inspected by: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Are you able to board a bus/van without using a wheelchair/scooter? ☐ Yes ☐ No *It is your responsibility to have your wheelchair/scooter inspected by a VA prosthetic specialist and/or designee before arrival at the Games to insure that your equipment is in good working order.*

ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT

All participants are encouraged to bring their own assistive equipment (shower benches, commode chairs, etc.). A limited amount of such equipment will be available on a first-come, first-served basis during the Games. Please indicate the items needed along with style, model numbers, etc., and we will try to accommodate you. _____

You must plan to bring any medications you take and any assistive equipment you use.

Lodging Information: Fresno, California

Name _____ Social Security #: ____ / ____ / ____

Arrival date: ____ / ____ / ____ Departure date: ____ / ____ / ____

NOTE: Transportation is provided only from the official 18th National Veterans Golden Age Games Hotels.
If you are not using the 18th National Veterans Golden Age Games Hotels, indicate where you will be staying:

Indicate your roommate(s): First and Last name or None: _____

Roommate is: ☐ Competitor ☐ Coach ☐ Other ☐ None

A limited number of single rooms are available. For accessibility reasons, priority for accessible rooms will be given to requests by non-ambulatory competitors.

Adult Double Occupancy \$73 per room (plus 12% tax) for _____ nights beginning _____ (date)

Adult Single Occupancy \$73 per person (plus 12% tax) for _____ nights beginning _____ (date)

Rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each facility is responsible for pairing up their competitors to save \$\$\$. A valid credit card is **REQUIRED** to hold your room. Your names will be turned over to the hotels upon receipt of your completed registration packet. After June 1, you must contact the hotel for any changes (cancellations, names changes, substitutions, etc).

Meals are furnished for all competitors. Coaches, support staff, family members, and others may purchase meal tickets at a cost of \$35 per day per person or \$245 per person for the week.

If you are a non-competitor, will you need a meal ticket? Yes _____ No _____
\$35 per person for _____ days OR \$245 per week _____ Total \$ _____

All hotel reservations must be made with the local National Veterans Golden Age Games office.

Payment Required

Method of payment: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order☐ Credit Card Type of Card: _____

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Card _____

**Make Check/Money
Order payable to:
2004 NVGAG Acct 5640**

☐ **INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Itinerary Information

Upon confirmation and/or acceptance of your application, you will receive an itinerary information form.

Mode of transportation: ☐ Airplane ☐ Train ☐ Bus ☐ AutomobileWill you need transportation to and from the airport? ☐ Yes ☐ NoWill you need transportation to and from the train/bus station? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf you are driving, will you need parking at the hotel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Postmark deadline is May 1, 2004

Please check only one: ☐ Coach ☐ Support Staff ☐ Family/Significant Other

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____

What VA do you and/or your competitors represent? _____

Does your team have a name? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, what name: _____

Please provide a list of your team member's names:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

FOR COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF:

Please indicate your T-Shirt size: ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X Large ☐ XX Large ☐ XXX Large

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____
 Street City State Zip Code

Relationship: _____

PUBLICITY RELEASE / RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I voluntarily and without compensation authorize pictures and/or voice recording(s) to be made of me by or on behalf of VA, VFW, Veterans Canteen Service, US military publications, and other magazines, veteran's publications, newspapers, and broadcast media, etc., while I am attending the 18th National Veterans Golden Age Games. I authorize any or all of the above to publicize and/or display such photographs and recordings, or to provide such photographs and recordings to others of their choosing for display, without notice or payment of any royalty, fee, or other compensation of any character to me for the use of my picture and/or voice. I understand that the said picture(s) and/or voice recordings(s) are intended to publicize and give recognition to the National Veterans Golden Age Games. Also, I authorize storage of my registration and event data in the electronic media.

Signature

Date

Please make sure that you fill out Form B "Lodging/Itinerary Information" prior to submitting your registration form

Event Selection:**Form D**Name _____ ☐ Male ☐ FemaleAge (as of July 18, 2004): ☐ 55-59 ☐ 60-64 ☐ 65-69 ☐ 70-74 ☐ 75-79 ☐ 80+

Check at least two, but not more than four events. When competitors are scheduled for two events with conflicting times, attend the bracketed events first. Otherwise, the competitor will be disqualified for failure to report for the event on time. Bracketed events are designated with an *. DO NOT schedule conflicting events!

Division Classification- I will be competing in the following Division (Check only one):

- ☐ Ambulatory
☐ Wheelchair
☐ Visually Impaired (Legally Blind)

When you register in one division, you must register for all events in that division.

MONDAY, JULY 19

Please Note: You may not compete in both Golf and Shuffleboard!

Golf: Ambulatory☐ 8:00 AM All Age GroupsAll Golfers must bring their own clubs.***Shuffleboard:** All Divisions☐ 8:00 AM 65-69☐ 10:00 AM 60-64 & 80+☐ 1:00 PM 55-59 & 70-74☐ 3:00 PM 75-79**TUESDAY, JULY 20*****Nine Ball:**☐ 8:00 AM 65-69☐ 10:00 AM 60-64 & 80+☐ 1:00 PM 55-59 & 70-74☐ 3:00 PM 75-79☐ Ambulatory ☐ Wheelchair***Checkers:** All Divisions☐ 8:00 AM 55-59 & 70-74☐ 10:00 AM 75-79☐ 1:00 PM 65-69☐ 3:00 PM 60-64 & 80+**Bowling:** All Divisions

Starts at 8:00 AM; Ends at 4:00 PM

- ☐ Ambulatory
☐ Wheelchair
☐ Wheelchair Adaptive
☐ Visually Impaired

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21***Croquet:** Ambulatory☐ 8:00 AM 55-59 & 70-74☐ 10:00 AM 75-79☐ 1:00 PM 65-69☐ 3:00 PM 60-64 & 80+***Horseshoes:** All Divisions☐ 8:00 AM 65-69☐ 10:00 AM 60-64 & 80+☐ 1:00 PM 55-59 & 70-74☐ 3:00 PM 75-79**THURSDAY, JULY 22**

Please Note- Competitors in Table Tennis and Dominoes may not compete in Bicycling!

Table Tennis:**☐ 8:00 AM 60-64 & 70-74☐ 10:00 AM 65-69☐ 1:00 PM 55-59 & 75-79☐ 2:30 PM 80+☐ Ambulatory ☐ WheelchairDominoes:** All Divisions☐ 8:00 AM 55-59 & 75-79☐ 10:00 AM 80+☐ 1:00 PM 60-64 & 70-74☐ 2:30 PM 65-69**THURSDAY, JULY 22****(Continued)****Bicycling:** Ambulatory☐ 8:00 AM ¼ Mile☐ 10:00 AM ½ Mile

(Appropriate foot attire must be worn)

FRIDAY, JULY 23**Pentathlon:**

☐ 7:30 AM-11:30 AM
 All Age Groups

☐ Ambulatory ☐ Wheelchair**Swimming:**☐ 10:00 AM All Age Groups

You may select no more than two swimming events- **These two swimming events will count toward 2 of the total of 4 events that you may compete in.**

- ☐ Freestyle 25 yard
☐ Freestyle 50 yard
☐ Freestyle 100 yard
☐ Backstroke 25 yard
☐ Backstroke 50 yard
☐ Ambulatory ☐ Wheelchair

Hometown News Release Questionnaire:

Form E

To be completed by veteran

Because of the growing numbers of competitors, we cannot prepare a news release on your participation in the Games if you do not fill out this form completely. This form gives us the specific information we need to prepare a news release to distribute to media outlets where you live. We have simplified it as much as possible, so it is very easy to fill out. If you have any questions, please call Jenny Tankersley (757) 728-3450.

1. Your Name: _____ Social Sec #: _____

2. Date of Birth: _____ Service Branch: _____

3. E-mail address: _____

4. Do you want a news release made available to local media where you live? ☐ Yes ☐ No

a. If you answered “No,” sign name here and skip questions 5-8:

(Signature) _____

b. If your answer is “Yes,” you MUST fill out questions 5-8. If the form is not completely filled out and returned, we cannot produce a news release.

5. What are the nearest daily and weekly newspapers to your home? (If you don’t know the name, please give the closest large city, or the county that you live in.) _____

6. Please indicate your branch of service: ☐ Army ☐ Army Air Corps ☐ Navy ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Air Force
☐ Coast Guard ☐ National Guard ☐ Other _____

7. a. Did you ever serve in combat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Where did you serve in combat?

☐ World War II (European Theater)

☐ Korean War

☐ Gulf War

☐ World War II (Pacific Theater)

☐ Vietnam

c. Were you injured in combat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

d. Were you ever held as a POW? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, where? _____

8. What VA Medical facility do you represent (city and state)? _____

9. Quote for your news release: What has participating in the National Veterans Golden Age Games done for your life? If this is your first year, what have you been looking forward to? Why is it important to you? Why is staying active important? Have you trained? What’s your best event? [Remember, without a quote, we will not be able to produce a release!]

Thank you!

18th National Veterans Golden Age Games**RELEASE OF LIABILITY (Read before Signing)**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the 2004 National Veterans Golden Age Games, related events, and activities, I, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in these Games is significant, including the potential for serious bodily injury, including death, and property damage. I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, and assume full responsibility for my participation.
2. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for my participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
3. I, for myself and on behalf of my guardians, executors, heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and administrators, HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE, the United States Government; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; their officers, directors, officials, members, agents, and employees; and any and all sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, owners, and lessors of premises used to conduct the Games, related events, and activities; and, officials, volunteers, and other participants of the 18th National Veterans Golden Age Games, from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property.
4. I consent to medical treatment in the case of emergency. I agree to assume full responsibility for payment of any and all fees incurred as a result of such medical treatment.

I HAVE READ THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____ / _____ / _____

Name (Please print): _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Relationship: _____

PUBLICITY RELEASE/RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I voluntarily and without compensation authorize pictures and/or voice recording(s) to be made of me by or on behalf of VA, VFW, Veterans Canteen Service, US military publications, and other magazines, veteran's publications, newspapers, and broadcast media, etc., while I am a participant in the 18th National Veterans Golden Age Games. I authorize any or all of the above to publicize and/or display such photographs and recordings, or to provide such photographs and recordings to others of their choosing for display, without notice or payment of any royalty, fee, or other compensation of any character to me for the use of my picture and/or voice. I understand that the said picture(s) and/or voice recordings(s) are intended to publicize and give recognition to the National Veterans Golden Age Games. Also, I authorize storage of my registration and event data in the electronic media.

Signature _____ Date _____

I also authorize contact information (i.e., my telephone number) to be published on the National Veterans Golden Age Games website.

Signature _____ Date _____

GENERAL MEDICAL INFORMATION

A physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must fill out and sign this form.

Dear Provider: Your patient is planning on participating (provided you agree) in various athletic events and/or games which may be strenuous and/or dangerous depending on his/her condition. We ask you to take this into consideration when reviewing the participant's history and exam.

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First Middle Initial
Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY: _____

Is the veteran visually impaired? (legally blind) Yes _____ No _____

Height _____ Weight _____ Blood pressure _____

Tetanus Toxiod date: _____ PPD date: _____ Results: _____
(current within 10 years) (within 12 months) (if positive, send current x-ray report)

Significant Physical Findings (non-ambulatory, dementia, hemiplegia, diabetes, severe arthritis, etc.)

If veteran uses a wheelchair, can he/she transfer with assistance? Yes _____ No _____

Diagnoses: _____

Current Medications: Please send copy of current Action Profile.

Can he/she control his/her own meds? Yes _____ No: _____

Please advise patient of their responsibility for bringing enough medication for the trip and the week. The cost of any medical expenses and/or medications will be charged back to the veteran's originating facility.

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GENERAL MEDICAL INFORMATION (CONT.)

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(A physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must fill out and sign this form.)

Patient Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial Social Security Number

Allergies: _____

Is the veteran on portable oxygen? Yes _____ No _____

List special needs (e.g. feeding tube, tracheotomy, catheter, mobility, bowel and bladder care, etc.)

List those needs that the patient requires assistance with: _____

Is the patient incontinent of urine? Never _____ Seldom _____ Frequently _____

What activity restrictions exist? _____

Please place a check mark by the events that the patient **CAN** participate in:

Bicycling _____ Bowling _____ Checkers _____ Croquet _____ Dominoes _____

Golf _____ Horseshoes _____ Nine Ball _____ Swimming _____ Table Tennis _____

Pentathlon (shot put, discus, softball hit, basketball free throw, air rifle) _____ Shuffleboard _____

In your opinion, can the patient make the trip and participate in the National Veterans Golden Age Games?

Yes _____ No _____

Provider's Name (PRINTED): _____

Provider's Signature: _____

VAMC: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE CURRENT EKG

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE CURRENT MEDICATION PROFILE

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ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Please make your selection by checking the appropriate activity box.

Selection of alternate activities is not to be in conflict with your event schedule.

Payment for alternate activity is to be received by June 1, 2004 in order to assure your reservations.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2004

6:30PM to 10:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Fresno Grizzlies Baseball Game	\$ 7.00
9:00PM to 1:00AM	Disco (Mexican Theme)	Free
MORNING AND AFTERNOON	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Fair Mall Shuttle	Free

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2004

9:00PM to 1:00AM	Disco (Country Theme)	Free
MORNING AND AFTERNOON	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Fair Mall Shuttle	Free

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004

7:00AM to 5:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Monterey Bay Aquarium	\$30.00
7:30AM to 11:00AM	<input type="checkbox"/> Wiebe Farm and Packing Shed Tour (NOT Wheelchair accessible)	\$15.00
9:00AM to 2:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Castle Air Museum	\$ 5.00
1:00PM to 3:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Valor Museum Tour	Free
7:00PM to 9:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodward's Concert in the Park	\$ 5.00
7:00PM to 9:00PM	50's Sock Hop/Car Show/Elvis	Free
9:00PM to 1:00AM	Disco (50's Theme)	Free
MORNING AND AFTERNOON	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Fair Mall Shuttle	Free

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2004

7:00AM to 4:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Yosemite National Park Tour	\$25.00
8:30AM to 11:00AM	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestiere Underground Gardens Tour (NOT Wheelchair accessible)	\$ 8.00
10:30AM to 12:30PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Fresno Metropolitan Museum	\$ 5.00

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TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2004 (continued)

1:00PM to 4:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Madera Winery & Wine Tasting Tour	\$ 8.00
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Dance Show	Free
9:00PM to 1:00AM	Disco (Big Band Theme)	Free
MORNING AND AFTERNOON	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Fair Mall Shuttle	Free

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2004

7:00AM to 4:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Yosemite National Park Tour	\$25.00
7:30AM to 11:00AM	<input type="checkbox"/> Wiebe Farm and Packing Shed Tour (NOT Wheelchair accessible)	\$15.00
1:00PM to 3:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Valor Museum Tour	Free
9:00AM to 2:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Castle Air Museum	\$ 5.00
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Casino/Bingo Night	Free
9:00PM to 1:00AM	Disco (Disco Theme)	Free
MORNING AND AFTERNOON	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Fair Mall Shuttle	Free

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2004

8:30AM to 11:00AM	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestiere Underground Gardens Tour (Not Wheelchair accessible)	\$ 8.00
9:00AM to 4:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Tulare Farm Tour	\$10.00
1:00PM to 4:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Madera Winery & Wine Tasting Tour	\$ 8.00
7:00PM to 9:00PM	VISN Evening Activity	Free
9:00PM to 1:00AM	Disco (Karaoke)	Free
MORNING AND AFTERNOON	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Fair Mall Shuttle	Free

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2004

7:00AM to 4:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Kings Canyon Park Tour	\$25.00
8:00AM to 11:00AM	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaffee Zoo of Fresno	\$ 5.00
1:00PM to 3:00PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Valor Museum Tour	Free
9:00PM to 1:00AM	Disco (Mix Theme)	Free
MORNING AND AFTERNOON	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Fair Mall Shuttle	Free

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ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION

SATURDAY, JULY 17: Fresno Grizzlies Baseball.

Enjoy an evening at the ballpark with Fresno's AAA Minor League Baseball Team. Join the VA Central California Healthcare System (VACCHCS) staff in the best seats in the house, for a warm summer night in Fresno's new stadium, celebrating its 3rd year, located in the heart of beautiful downtown Fresno. The Grizzlies will be welcoming the 18th National Veterans Golden Age Games with honors! All athletes in attendance will be presented on the field before the game and one of our local veterans will sing the National Anthem. In addition, an athlete of the Games will have the honor of throwing out the first pitch. Join us in making this game ours!

Admission: \$7.00

Trip Length 4 hours

MONDAY, JULY 19: Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Take a trip to the picture perfect California coastline and visit this famous Aquarium. In 2004, it will be the 20th anniversary and the aquarium will be celebrating with a bang with an updated entrance and a new sharks exhibit. The aquarium sits on Monterey's historic Cannery Row, which is just minutes from Carmel and Pebble Beach. There are loads of specialty stores and fun places to eat.

Admission: \$30.00

Trip Length: 10 hours

MONDAY, JULY 19 & WEDNESDAY, JULY 21: Wiebe Farm & Packing Shed Tour.

Experience the working farm and packing shed of a family tree fruit (peaches and nectarines) operation located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley's "fruit bucket" of the world, Reedley, CA. This trip includes a tour of the packing shed in the middle of harvest, a visit through the orchards, and a sample fruit snack.

Admission: \$15.00

Trip Length: 3.5 hours

MONDAY, JULY 19 & WEDNESDAY, JULY 21: Castle Air Museum.

This north valley museum has 48 military aircraft on display on its grounds and an inside exhibit. The inside exhibit includes a Norton bombsight and many vintage military uniforms. The museum also has a gift shop and small restaurant. The guided tour is about 2 hours in length.

Admission: \$5.00

Trip Length: 5 hours

MONDAY, JULY 19 & WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 & FRIDAY, JULY 23: Legion of Valor Museum.

This museum is located by the historical water tower in downtown Fresno. It houses thousands of items and papers donated by Legion of Valor members, family, and others. There are numerous framed citations, photographs, and exhibits that tell the story of America's wars as seen by individual soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. Uniforms and equipment of different eras are also on display.

Admission: Free

Trip Length: 2 hours

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ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION
(Continued)

MONDAY, JULY 19: Woodward Park's – Concert in the Park.

Enjoy a July summer night relaxing and dancing in the park listening to a live band. This annual series brings the community out to get together and meet its' neighbors while having fun with family and friends. Woodward Park is Fresno's largest and most elite park. You can bring a blanket and listen, take your shoes off and dance or take a walk on the green trails.

Admission: \$5.00

Trip Length: 2 hours

TUESDAY, JULY 20 & WEDNESDAY, JULY 21: Yosemite National Park.

Take a scenic trip with friends to one of California's most famous national parks. Yosemite contains some of the tallest waterfalls and largest trees in the world. There are also beautiful deep valleys, alpine meadows, wild rivers, and exotic flowers that fill this area. Lunch will be served as a picnic in the park.

Admission: \$25.00

Trip Length: 9 hours

TUESDAY, JULY 20 & THURSDAY, JULY 22: Forestiere Underground Gardens.

These secret gardens are located beneath the surface of Fresno County. Forestiere spent 40 years sculpting this ten-acre parcel of gardens in the early 1900's alone! There are almost 100 underground rooms, passages, and gardens throughout this living monument. There is a home with bedrooms, a kitchen and bath, and a chapel with its own chapel gardens. In addition, an auto tunnel runs the length of the gardens that is 800 feet long. (This tour is NOT wheelchair accessible).

Admission: \$8.00

Trip Length: 2.5 hours

TUESDAY, JULY 20: Fresno Metropolitan Museum.

The Metropolitan Museum has a permanent art collection that consists of over 3,000 works of art, spanning over 400 years. This collection consists of decorative arts, crafts, and textiles by Native American groups from the Central Valley and houses an Ansel Adams Photo Collection, the Charles and Sharon Small Puzzle Collection, some of Fresno's William Saroyan Collection, and the Oscar and Maria Salzer Collection of European and American Painting. The traveling exhibit scheduled to open in July at the Metropolitan Museum is a science exhibit called "The Beauty of Phenomenon's".

Admission: \$5.00

Trip Length: 2 hours

TUESDAY, JULY 20 & THURSDAY, JULY 22: Madera Winery & Wine Tasting Tour.

Tuesday schedule – Owned by Andrew and Laurel Quady, nationally acclaimed Quady Winery specializes in dessert and aperitif wines, muscats, port-types, and vermouth.

Thursday schedule – Thursday tour will be of the Simpson Meadow Winery. Their award-winning wines are produced from grapes grown on the northern banks of the San Joaquin River. This winery produces premium varietals, chardonnay and viognier.

Admission: \$8.00

Trip Length: 3 hours

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ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION (Continued)

THURSDAY, JULY 22: Tulare Farm Tour.

The Tulare Farm Tour includes a visit to the Heritage Complex Museum, followed by a short film describing advancements in farming. The Tulare County Historical Museum, which houses a history of farming, will be the next stop. A box lunch will then be provided. The return trip will consist of a small cheese farm tour, a tour of a Valencia orange packing plant, followed by a trip through an 8000-acre farm where there is alfalfa, corn, and cotton grown.

Admission: \$10.00

Trip Length: 7 hours

FRIDAY, JULY 23: Kings Canyon National Park Tour.

Take a bus ride through grape vineyards, orange groves, and stone fruit orchards to the entrance of Kings Canyon National Park at an elevation of 6000 ft. There will be a stop to see the world's largest Sequoia grove, which has over 2,100 trees larger than 10 ft in diameter. Continuing on there will be a stop at the visitor's center that has historical pictures and a stop at Grant Grove which houses the General Grant Tree, the Nation's Christmas Tree and our only living national shrine, commemorating those Americans who lost their lives in war. Lunch will be served as a picnic in the park.

Admission: \$25.00

Trip Length: 9 hours

FRIDAY, JULY 23: Chaffee Zoo of Fresno.

Come visit Fresno's famous Chaffee Zoo and watch the Famous Ross Laird's Winged Wonders Bird Show. The zoo features a renowned rain forest exhibit. The Fresno zoo also has an orangutan exhibit, a tiger exhibit, and a reptile house. In addition, you can take a camel ride, meet a reptile, and even feed a hippo. There is an amazing gift shop and you can adopt an animal. You are bound to have a swinging good time at the Chaffee Zoo of Fresno!

Admission: \$5.00

Trip Length: 3 hours

Daily: Fashion Fair Mall Shuttle.

Get out of the Fresno heat and visit Fresno's largest mall for all of your gift needs. Fashion Fair Mall was renovated starting in 2003 and will be complete by the summer of 2004. This renovation has brought many new stores to the mall. This mall is a great place to spend your free time during the hot summer days here. This mall features department stores such as JC Penny's, a men's and woman's Macy's, and Gottschalk's. There are also many other shoe and clothing stores as well as specialty stores. There is a new expanded food court and plenty of small specialty stands. There will be a "to" morning shuttle, a "to and return" early afternoon shuttle, and a "return" late afternoon shuttle.

Shuttle: Free